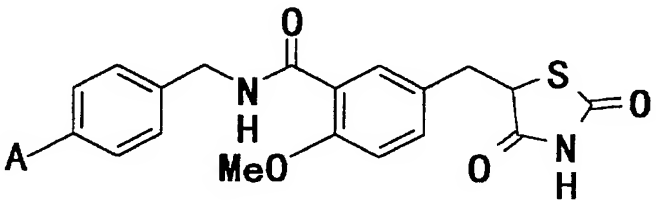
SUMMARY

The invention provides novel substituted benzylthiazolidine-2,4-dione derivatives which increase the transactivation action of receptor as a ligand of human peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR) and exhibit the blood glucose-decreasing action and lipid-decreasing action, and a process for preparing them.

The invention relates to substituted benzylthiazolidine-2,4-dione derivatives represented by the general formula (1)



(1)

[wherein A denotes a phenyl group which is unsubstituted or may have substituents, phenoxy group which is unsubstituted or may have substituents or benzyloxy group which is unsubstituted or may have substituents], their medicinally acceptable salts, their hydrates and a process for preparing them.